

Garcia chosen District Member of the Year

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During a Town Hall on December 6, District Engineer Lt. Col. Dana Hurst gave out several awards including the District Member of the Year winner (Lee Garcia) and nominees.

Receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for assistance with the Combined Federal Campaign were Willa Adelman of Office of Counsel and Max Montoya of Information Management Office.

Steve Peterson of Conchas Dam Project Office and Barry Easter of Engineering Division won the District Mug design contest. District coins were also given to Rudy Villarreal, Alta Jarvis, Willa Adelman, Derrick Johnson, Kathy Skalback, Jim Chavez, Mark Mendenhall, Dennis Christensen and Steve Purdy for also submitting designs for the mug.

Departing Recreation Association members Sarah Rahman, Cindy Gallegos, Sue Hill, Max Montoya and CJ Scussel all received checks for their hard work while serving on the Association.

Receiving Certificates of Appreciation for serving as instructors in the PROSPECT program were Dwayne Lillard, Cynthia Piirto and Dan Hampton

Certificates of Appreciation (shadow box awards and mugs) from South Pacific Division were given to George Sims, Ralph White, Dwayne Lillard, and George Diewald for conducting RAM D security assessments. Dwayne Lillard was also honored with a Commander's Award for Civilian Service for his efforts on the team.

A Certificate of Recognition for support during Typhoon Chata'an Disaster Response and Recovery was given to Matt Bourgeois. Bourgeois also received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from Pacific Ocean Division for support during Typhoon Chata'an Disaster Response.

Lee Garcia of Management Support Branch, Operations Division, received the District Member of The Year Award at the ceremony. Garcia, a program analyst, serves as the chief of Management Support Branch and as an advisor to the Chief of Operations Division and her other staff on all matters related to the District's program development for the Operations and Maintenance, general regulatory functions, flood control and coastal



District Member of the Year nominees with District Engineer Lt. Col. Dana Hurst, from left, are Carlos Salazar IV, Clay Mathers, Gail Stockton, Mary Henry, and the winner, Lee Garcia.

emergencies, and the Plant Replacement and Improvement Program (PRIP).

Garcia was commended for being totally committed to serving his customers, primarily the operating field offices, but also the other branches within Operations Division. In addition to his magic with the budget, Garcia was cited as a very effective supervisor, respected by his team and his customers. He consistently manages to accomplish the mission, make everyone feel good about his or her contribution and share in any recognition for the great accomplishments of the team. As a program analyst and Chief of the Management Support Branch for Operations Division, his co-workers recognize him as a leader in customer service. His efforts have contributed significantly to the growth of

Albuquerque District's O&M Budget, and helped to ensure that these funds are spent on mission essential work.

The following employees were also nominated for District Member of The Year and received certificates of appreciation:

Lloyd Foster is a Mechanical-Electrical Cost Estimator for the District. He is responsible for the development and preparation of cost estimates for Military and Civil Works projects. Foster's outstanding performance in the preparation of cost estimates for several critical District projects this fiscal year led to their successful execution and accomplishment. In addition, Foster was cited for providing valuable feedback and alternative ideas to the design team and project management.

Carlos Salazar is currently the Assistant Area Engineer in the Northern Area Office located at Kirtland Air Force Base. He assists the Area Engineer in supervising contract construction of various civil and military projects amounting to approximately \$40 million a year. Salazar was commended for building a solid reputation with the Base for getting things done. As a top performer in the Northern Area Office, he has earned the respect of fellow workers, contractors and customers.

Clay Mathers is the GIS Coordinator for Operations Division, establishing GIS standards, and
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